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## OPEN HOUSE ON MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

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October 7, 2008  
7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Brooklyn Park City Hall

### INTRODUCTION

Welcome! Thank you for attending Brooklyn Park's Open House on Multi-Family Housing. The purpose of this open house is:

- 1) To provide an opportunity for you to learn about the progress of the Multi-Family Housing Study Group to date, and
- 2) To gather your ideas on how the city should plan and prepare for new multi-family housing developments.

The study group members will consider your ideas as they prepare their report to the City Council with policy recommendations on the future development of multi-family housing in Brooklyn Park.

### WHAT IS MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING?

Multi-family housing is any housing that has more than one unit of housing in a single building. Multi-family housing in Brooklyn Park includes apartments, condominiums, townhomes, and cooperatives. Multi-family housing also includes both owner-occupied housing and rental housing.

### OPEN HOUSE SET UP

This open house is set up with four stations, one for each study question listed on the back of this handout. Each station has information that has been gathered to help the study group respond to the question. The study group has met seven times since March, and to date has focused on questions 1, 3, and 4. Preliminary responses to those questions are available at the stations.

Open house participants are invited to visit the stations, get updated on the information, and provide comments and feedback. Study group members and city staff are available to answer questions and listen to your input. Please also provide written feedback on an Open House Comment Form. Additional comments can be directed to the city using the contact information on the back of this handout.

### BACKGROUND / PURPOSE

In response to the community's concerns about a proposed mixed-income apartment development, the Brooklyn Park City Council adopted a one year moratorium on the



development of high density housing so that the City could better understand the following questions:

1. **What is the demand for multi-family housing (market rate and affordable) in Brooklyn Park?**
2. **How will the city address the demand for multi-family housing (identify locations, type, size, funding, affordability level, etc.)?**
3. **What positive and negative impact does multi-family housing (market rate and affordable) have on the community?**
4. **How will the city address the potential impacts of multi-family housing on the community?**

City leaders appointed the Multi-Family Housing Study Group last February to study multi-family housing and provide responses to the above questions. The group consists of 20 residents of Brooklyn Park and one Hennepin County representative. Group members were selected to provide a diverse geographic and demographic representation of the community.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

This open house is the first of two planned community meetings where residents can learn about the study group's progress and provide input. Please join us for the second meeting:

#### **Community Meeting on Multi-Family Housing**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2008**

**7 pm at City Hall**

The Multi-Family Housing Study Group will meet several more times to prepare its report to the City Council on the future development of multi-family housing in Brooklyn Park. The group plans to submit the final report to city leaders in February 2009.

For more information visit [www.brooklynpark.org/studygroup](http://www.brooklynpark.org/studygroup)

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